(c) The inclusion/exclusion of bulk drugs under price control under DPCO 1987 is mainly based on the recommendations made by the Kelkar Committee in its main as well as supplementary report.

(d) and (e) The representations with regard to inclusion/exclusion of bulk drugs under price control (including Tinidazole) are under examination of Government.

Setting up a National Cable Authority

744. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI :
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI :
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a National Cable Authority to provide licence and regulate the growth of Cable TV in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. This is, however, one of the recommendations made by the Inter-Departmental Committee set up to look into various aspects of Cable TV Networks and Dish-Antennae Systems.

People below Poverty Line

745. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL :
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of people living below the poverty line in the country at present;

(b) whether there has been any decline in the number of people living below the poverty line during the last three years; and if so, details thereof; and

(c) the percentage of Muslims out of the total Muslim population who are living below poverty line at present State-wise details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) In 1987-88, the latest year for which information is available, the number of people living below poverty line in the country was 2376.7 lakh.

(b) Information on the number of people living below poverty line for the years later than 1987-88 is not available.

(c) Estimates of percentage of population living below poverty line on the basis of sects are not collected.

सीमेंट उद्योग को यातायात संबंधी सुविधाओं की अनुपलब्धता

746. श्री राम जेठमलानी :
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 10 जुलाई, 1991 के "फाइनेंशियल एक्सप्रेस" में "सीमेंट मूवमेंट थ्रो रेल" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तो क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे द्वारा उचित यातायात सुविधायें उपलब्ध न कराये जाने के कारण सीमेंट उद्योग अपनी क्षमता के अनुसार उत्पादन नहीं कर सका;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने अपने स्तर पर रेल विभाग से इस संबंध में कोई संपर्क स्थापित किया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब और इस संबंध में कठिनाईयों को दूर करने के लिये क्या क्या निर्देश जारी किये गये हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी०जे० कुरियन) : (क) जी, हां ।